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Armed Robbery: No Arrest Yet

Pólice said this morning that no arrests had yet been made in connection with the Shanghai Street armed robbery carried out last night by four men, as a result of which a police constable was fatally shot during a running gun-battle.

Several people, it was stated, are now being questioned in connection with the affair.

The robbers got away with jewellery worth about \$10,000.

HONGKONG AND THE 1949 BIF

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 9.—Plans are already being made to give Hongkong a much better showing at the British Industries Fair in 1949.

The Hongkong Government Office in London has approached the Board of Trade to gain a corner site in the Earls Court Exhibition Hall.

The aim is to put on an exhibition about three times as large as the 1948 one which has proved, from subsequent orders, to have been a great success.

The criticism which has been heard of the exhibition Hongkong put on last year was that the exhibits were demotivated and certainly not sufficiently widely representative of Hongkong industries.

Mr E. G. A. Grimwood is already engaged in advance planning for next year, so there is a chance that Hongkong merchants who want to show in London or Birmingham, will be better instructed on how to lay out their exhibits.

Mr Eric Himswoth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, is expected to visit London next year, while Mr Grimwood of the Hongkong Government London Office will be paying a visit to Hongkong in January or February next for a few weeks, when he hopes to contact Hongkong manufacturers.

EDITORIAL

Govt's New Investment

OF all the items of supplementary expenditure which the Legislative Council will be asked today to approve, none is more interesting than the request for \$1,629,000 for the purchase of shares in Associated Properties, Ltd. Opposite this item appears the notation that it has been reported by a telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and that he has approved the expenditure in a telegram dated August 14. No other explanation of this particular expenditure is given, although the nature of the call for a full statement. The item suggests that Government is adopting new lines of policy. Firstly, it is investing in local private undertakings, which it has never attempted to do before; secondly, it is making itself a landlord in a private building scheme, which it has never attempted to do before; thirdly, it is making itself a landlord in a private building scheme, which it has never attempted to do before; fourthly, it is making itself a landlord in a private building scheme, which it has never attempted to do before.

house for several hundred people. But Government flatly refused on the grounds that it was unreasonable to invest a large sum of public funds in any such venture; moreover it was intimated that Government viewed with disquiet the prospect of becoming a landlord. Now it seems to have completely changed its mind. Government is to become a shareholder in a private building project. Does this represent a new general line of policy, and if so, in what further direction is it likely to be applied? At least one sound building scheme is being hampered for want of capital. Is there any good reason why Government should not now offer it that financial assistance for the purpose of helping to lighten the burden of the housing shortage? If it is good enough for Government to invest public funds in a private housing project that will enable a few more of its servants to possess accommodation, there can be no serious objection to Government helping to capitalise an equally respectable home building scheme that will bring benefits to a much larger portion of the community. In any event the special expenditure of \$1,629,000 for purchasing housing shares requires a fuller statement than that appearing in the supplementary list. The public should be told precisely what this investment is to achieve; how many flats or houses it will purchase, and how many people will, in consequence, be provided with homes. If these details are not volunteered by Government at this afternoon's meeting of Legislative Council, the public will expect them to be given through the PRO without delay.

Dr Bunche's Peace Plan For The Holy Land

DEMILITARISATION AND ARMISTICE

Paris, Nov. 9.—The United Nations Palestine mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, today called on the Security Council to order an Arab-Jewish armistice in Palestine and establish a broad No Man's Land between the two enemies.

Dr Bunche submitted the plan at a closed Council meeting and solicited immediate comment from the 11 members.

Jewish officials were not admitted to the meeting, but learned of the armistice plan and indicated to Dr Bunche that they did not like it.

At the same time, Dr Bunche called for tomorrow afternoon the first meeting of the seven-nation sub-committee formed to back up the Security Council's recent resolution ordering the Jews to withdraw from recently-won gains in the Negev. The committee is empowered to study punitive steps which could be taken if the Jews refuse to withdraw. So far the Jews have not answered the withdrawal order.

A United Nations press officer present at the Council meeting was authorised to make public Dr Bunche's proposal. He was barred, however, from reporting comments made on the proposal by Council members.

An American official said the American representative, Dr Philip Jessup, had asked the Council members to give the Bunche plan "sympathetic study."

The 11 Council delegates agreed to meet privately again tomorrow to continue their exchange of views on the proposal. They will defer the scheduled public meeting on the recent Galilee truce violations until the exchange is finished.

In Dr Bunche's proposal, it was learned, was a suggestion for an armistice under which both Arabs and Jews would demolish or at least withdraw in the Holy Land and leave a wide No Man's Land between them.

A Jewish spokesman roundly condemned the proposal, asserting

that it would "stabilise Arab aggression in Palestine." He said it appeared to rule out chances for immediate direct negotiation between the Arabs and the Jews.

JEWISH OPPOSITION

"We categorically oppose any plan which calls for demilitarised zones or No Man's Land in our land," the spokesman said.

While Dr Bunche is not officially empowered to place formal resolutions before the Security Council, he wrapped his ideas into resolution form for "purposes of convenience," the UN press officer said in his statement.

The plan emphasised that the Council had invoked the enforcement chapter of the UN Charter "as its first order of business in Palestine and holding this threat of possible punitive action over the heads of the Arabs and Jews, would have the Council order:

1. Settlement of all outstanding problems of truce in all sections of Palestine.
2. Establishment of an armistice. The armistice would involve: "Separation of armed forces engaged in the conflict in Palestine by the creation of broad demilitarised zones under United Nations observation; withdrawal of the Jewish forces and reduction of these forces as will insure restoration of Palestine to peaceful conditions."

NEW OFFENSIVE

Amman, Nov. 9.—A barrage of 25-pounder shells from Jewish guns on the Iraqi front south of the Sea of Galilee last night was believed to be the prelude to a Jewish "offensive," the Arab Legion reported today.

A strong company of Jews attempted to cross the Jordan, aiming at the storming of Adassia, an Arab Legion frontier post, the report said, adding that firing subsided when Iraqi artillery returned the fire.

Eighteen shells were said to have fallen inside the Transjordan village of Shuneh, killing one woman and injuring two civilians.

A concentrated Jewish fire of mortars and rockets was directed against all Jerusalem's sectors throughout last night, the Legion report said.

A heavy explosion rocked the Jaffa Gate area, resulting in the complete demolition of a large Arab commercial building. It was claimed that Legionnaires followed a Jewish attempt to infiltrate into Arab League defences in the Mount Zion area.—Reuters.

BASE CAPTURED

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 9.—Israeli forces captured the Egyptian held base of Iraq Suweidana today and took over hundreds of prisoners, according to unconfirmed military reports here tonight.

A Nice Share-Out For The Navy Boys

London, Nov. 9.—British sailors—Admirals, ordinary seamen and everyone in between—are about to divide a £4,000,000 jackpot. It is prize money, portion of the cash realised from enemy vessels captured in the war. According to British tradition, the sailors share in the booty. The Admiralty made public today the pattern for cutting it up. The division is better organised than it was in the old days when the chance of collecting some prize money was one of the chief attractions of Naval service.

Now captured vessels are disposed of by prize courts and the money realised is credited to numerous funds.

But a share goes to the sailors who faced the gales and the enemy. To make things fair, all men who served at sea in the war years may participate and they will be notified to make their claim.

The division, it was explained by a White Paper published yesterday, will be according to shares. An Admiral will be given 10 shares, an ordinary seaman, one. The RAF which helped the Navy capture many ships will carve up a £1,350,000 slice of the kitty.—Associated Press.

Plan To Solve Berlin Currency Problem

LIE'S EFFORT TO END DISPUTE

Paris, Nov. 9.—A plan to solve the currency problem of Berlin—and thus break the deadlock between Soviet Russia and the three Western powers on the Berlin dispute—may be put forward by Mr Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, as a last-minute attempt, reliable sources here said today.

Mr Lie was known to have had such a plan prepared by financial experts of the Secretariat some time ago but, on the advice of some delegations, the plan was shelved.

GESTURE BY SHANGHAI FIRMS

Will Give Help In Rice Purchasing

Shanghai, Nov. 10.—British and American firms in Shanghai have promised co-operation in the purchase of rice to relieve the cereal shortage by offering their commodity stocks for barter trade with producing areas, Mayor K. C. Wu told newsmen last night.

The foreign merchants' assurance was made by Mr Roger D. Lapham, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration China Mission, which is now making an effort to purchase 60,000 tons of rice from producing districts.

Mayor Wu said that all possible efforts are being rushed to procure rice for the city, whose supply has been cut off for more than 50 days as a result of former restrictions on the transport of Shanghai's manufactured goods to the interior, thus causing a virtual boycott of Shanghai by rice farmers.

TRYING TO BORROW

Mayor Wu disclosed that both Mr Lapham and himself are negotiating to borrow 10,000 tons of rice from a "nearby country," whose name will be temporarily withheld from publication pending a reply from that country.

The rice thus borrowed will be returned with ECA relief rice purchases in South-East Asia.

Altogether, six rice and food shops were raided by mobs in various parts of Shanghai yesterday. One woman was seriously injured during an attack on a bean curd shop. Several arrests were made.

The railway service has been resumed, however, since last night with the settlement of the railway workers' strike which was declared to back up the demand for rice as part of the workers' pay.—Reuters.

FOOD IN HOTELS

Shanghai, Nov. 10.—Three of Shanghai's leading hotels announced this morning that they will henceforth supply meals only to hotel residents and their guests.

They said this measure was forced on them by the present difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies of food. The hotels taking this step were the Cathay Hotel, the Metropole Hotel, and the Cathay Mansions.—Reuters.

Marshall Listens To Chinese Plea For More Assistance

Paris, Nov. 9.—Secretary of State George Marshall conferred privately for more than an hour on Tuesday with China's United Nations delegation chief, Dr T. F. Tsiang.

The future extent of American military and economic aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Communist menaced regime was reported to have been discussed in the light of a new Chinese call for quick and substantial help.

A Chinese official here said the Government "is in the process" of asking the United States for more help to the extent of \$400,000,000 worth of economic assistance and \$600,000,000 worth of military assistance; and American sources said that the whole question of aid to China has been re-opened during the past few days.

It was being studied, they declared, against a general background of feeling that there is not much point in pouring water into a leaking bucket.

THE QUESTION

The question being asked, they explained, is whether valuable much needed military equipment should be sent to a country where Communist insurgent armies appear to be winning.

If it was Mr Marshall's second meeting with Mr Tsiang since Saturday. The two men then had a night appointment which remained undisclosed until Tuesday.

American delegation officials reported that Mr Marshall considers the situation in China today to be grave.

The United States Secretary of State is said to feel that events in the strife-torn country are nearing a climax.

HARD REALITIES

That is why, the source said, State Department reports are now in quest of a plan which will source the hard realities of the Communist military gains with their own desire to send effective help to bolster the Kuomintang Government's fight.

China is due to receive \$400,000,000 worth of American economic and military aid in the first year of the European Recovery Programme. She is understood to have spent most of the \$125,000,000 allotted specifically for the purchase of arms and military equipment. Much of that equipment has fallen into the hands of the advancing Communist armies, sources here said.

The whole issue is expected by officials here to be thrashed out thoroughly during the next Congressional examination of aid to China.—Associated Press.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Stockholm, Nov. 9.—Spanish models today struck for a one-dollar per hour minimum wage for posing nude.—United Press.

Insurgents Hit From Air And Ground

Singapore, Nov. 10.—British air and ground forces hammered with mounting intensity on Tuesday at an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 hard-pressed Communist insurgents remaining in the thick Malayan jungle.

A large scale operation appeared to be under way in Selangor State.

The RAF announced that Spitfires and Mustangs smashed with bombs and rockets for 35 minutes an insurgent infested area northeast of Broga in Selangor. Later fighter-bombers strafed the same area with cannon and machine-gun fire.

Communist casualties from the RAF attack will be unknown until ground forces reach the area.

Police and army in a joint communique announced that 10 insurgents were known killed and two were wounded in Tuesday's ground operations. The biggest haul was made in Selangor where a jungle patrol caught 20 Chinese Communist soldiers unawares and killed six. British losses for the day were one policeman killed and one wounded and one civilian killed by terrorists.—Associated Press.

Shots Fired At Wafdist Chief

Cairo, Nov. 9.—Shots were fired at the Wafdist party leader, Mustafa el Nahas Pasha, and a hand grenade was thrown at his residence as he returned from his party's club on Monday night, police sources reported.

Nahas Pasha was not hurt. Police sources said he was followed by an unidentified car as he was driving to his residence. When he alighted, shots were fired from the following car slightly injuring three of his bodyguards and one policeman. Then a hand grenade was thrown from the car but only caused slight damage to a neighbouring building.—Associated Press.

ANOTHER SUCCESS

WATSON'S PRESENT SUPER COLA

30 PER BOTTLE



Three armed men ransacked a watch store in the city this morning, making away with the entire stock of over 600 watches.

The victims were the Leo Hung Koo watch dealers, of 273 Queen's Road Central, opposite the Central Theatre.

The three robbers, each armed with a revolver, entered the shop shortly after 8.30 a.m. when the folks were tidying up the place for the day. They herded the folks into a corner, broke the showcases and took all the watches displayed, leaving the boxes. About \$300 in cash was also taken.

The trio made good their escape although the folks raised an alarm as soon as the man stepped out of the shop.

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As soon as you see a warning tinge of 'pink' on your tooth brush, visit your dentist.

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Brush your teeth with Ipana every morning and evening; then massage the gums vigorously with Ipana on the fingertip. This induces whiter, more lustrous teeth; firmer, healthier gums.



WOMANSENSE

Pressure Cookery Saves Time

If you are one of the millions of homemakers who own a pressure cooker you are due for a vacation bonus. How? By using that pressure cooker for at least one dish a day. Before you know it, you will have saved many "quarters" on your fuel bill, dollars on your food bill and hours of work in a hot kitchen.

Of course this time can't be saved in one stretch and used for a long vacation, but it can be salvaged at the rate of at least an hour a day. And who wouldn't welcome 365 hour-long vacations a year?

Comparatively few homemakers make full use of their pressure cookers because of the expensive cost of the cooker, especially in Hongkong. They are used mostly for vegetable cookery, and for preparing stews and pot-roses. But pressure cookers can and should be used for the preparation of many other foods calling for moist heat, such as whole grain cereals, riding long-time cookery, soup, meat and poultry dishes; fish and shell fish; dried fruits and certain fresh fruits; many steamed foods; and—

Baked Beans

"Beans!" called out the Chef. "Boston Style baked beans. They are good for the budget, and you can pressure-cook enough for two meals in one cooking. Six hours in the oven but only one hour in the pressure-cooker; five hours for vacation. Baked beans hot, baked beans cold, baked beans in the pot five days old," he said, as he poured the beans into the pressure-cooker.

"It pays to cook enough for several meals," I laughed. "Hot beans for dinner, a nice penny, celery and onion salad next day for lunch with plenty of sliced tomatoes, then hold them over a day or so, for beans keep at least 3 days under refrigeration. After that heat some for breakfast and serve on crisp buttered toast. A day later add a little diced tomato and green pepper, heat and serve in pastry patty shells as part of a vegetable plate. Or make them into bean club sandwiches with a little chili sauce, lettuce, bacon and crisp toast. And if any beans are left, make them into a thick bean soup for lunch on a coolish rainy day."

Make these beans will be extra tasty, promised the Chef. "Yesterday in the market I found a good old American square of lean bacon which will go into the pressure-cooker with the beans and impart a flavor most appetizing. You know, those bacon squares are cut from the ends of slabs of high quality bacon, but they cost only half as much as the regular sliced

bacon. So we can use it in preparing beans for several meals, all inside the budget."

THE KITCHEN FRONT
—by—
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Dinner

Cucumber Lettuce Salad
Boiled Oil Dressing
Baked Beans with Bacon Square
Smothered Tomatoes
Boston Brown Bread
Chilled Water Melon
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)

All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Boiled Oil Dressing

In a measuring cup blend 2 tsp. salad oil, 2 tsp. flour and 1 tsp. vinegar and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Stir in boiling water to fill the cup. Transfer to a small double boiler and cook and stir until thickened. While boiling hot, pour and beat it into 1 egg yolk, beaten until creamy, then cool. Beat in 1 c. salad oil, mixed with 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper and ¼ tsp. dry mustard. Last whip 1 egg white stiff and stir it in to this dressing. This provides a mayonnaise effect with the use of half the usual quantity of oil.

Baked Beans with Bacon Square

Pick over 2 lbs. kidney beans or pea beans. Wash, place in a kettle and pour in a qts. boiling water. Cover and let stand 50 min. Then bring to boiling point; boil until the skins begin to loosen. Next, in the bottom of a 3 qt. casserole or bean pot, put 1 (1 lb.) well-washed bacon square. Select quite lean bacon

and scrape the rind before using it. Over this measure 1 tsp. table mustard, 4 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, ½ c. minced onion, 1/3 c. dark molasses, and 2 c. solid canned tomato, or 5 cut-up skinned fresh tomatoes. Pour in the beans and liquid. Put on the lid and slow-bake for 6 hrs. at 325 F. Add more water if necessary. The beans should not be allowed to become dry. At the end of 4 hrs. draw the bacon square to the surface and remove it. Score the top; that is, cut the rind in ½ in. squares for easy service; place on top of the beans and finish cooking; uncover to brown. Makes enough for two dinners and several "warmed-overs."

Smothered Tomatoes

Remove the skins from 8 medium-sized tomatoes. Place in a wide sauce pan. Dust with 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. sugar. Dot with 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Add 1 tsp. grated or fine-minced onion. Cover and simmer until tender, about 25 min. Do not add water if the tomatoes are cooking too fast, slip an asbestos mat underneath.

Trick Of The Chef

For interesting watermelon service, slice, cut the melon from the rind and cut in 2 in. cubes or pieces. Serve in chilled soup plates or shallow bowls so it will not slide.

Speed Method For Emergency Washing

By ELEANOR ROSS

WE are all occasionally faced with the problem of whether or not to wash a dress of delicate colour or a print which we fear may not be entirely colour fast.

The best thing is to try the seven-minute method, so-called, because, under normal conditions it takes about that long for water to penetrate a dye to the point where it begins to run. With care the washing job can be completed within that time.

Test Piece

First, make a test to see if this speediest of washing procedures is necessary. Baste white thread on a scrap of the coloured fabric, then place in a tumbler of lukewarm suds. Allow test piece to remain exactly seven minutes, then squeeze dry in a towel, and iron. If there is no change of colour in water, fabric or thread, routine care is all that is necessary. If water is tinted but fabric colour unchanged, this indicates "bleeding" but not "fading." In this case, the garment must be washed alone.

If the garment is a combination of colours or fabrics, use the following speed method for emergency washing: First, have everything ready before starting the washing job. Have ironing board in place and water ready to rinse the garment have the iron turned on so that it will be warm enough to use immediately.

Tub Of Water

Run a tub of lukewarm water ready for rapid rinsing, and prepare a basin of lukewarm suds. Avoid irritating the dye by taking care that every trace of soap is thoroughly dissolved. Then hurry the garment into the water, very gently squeeze the suds through the tissue, and rinse promptly and thoroughly. Squeeze, but do not wring, then slip a towel inside the garment, place another towel under it, and roll it up for one minute.

Take out dress and begin to iron it at once. If you work with dispatch, the dress should be washed and ironed before seven minutes have elapsed. It is best to hang it awhile where air can circulate, to make sure all dampness has disappeared, so that the garment will not wrinkle unduly.

This is an excellent procedure with any dress that is washable, and once it is mastered, it precludes having nothing fresh and clean to wear when time is of the essence. And what with all the beautiful gowns and washable linens, it means that a washable frock seems right for all but the most dressy of occasions.

THE SQUIRREL EFFECT . . .



BOTH Paris and London are using a great deal of fur trims which prove to be a popular trend. This autumn top coat which flares from the waist to a wide hemline bordered with squirrel comes from the Jan Meredith autumn collection.

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Around The Town

—with Mercia Hillaly

MISS Dawn Kent will be leaving Hongkong at the end of this month by the Chongto to return to Australia after a little more than a year here. In the short space of two weeks, therefore, she will be quite busy playing off the tennis tournament games for which she has entered. She has won several trophies during her short stay here, but has something like 22 in Australia.

Mrs H. H. Findlay Gourlie has agreed to repeat her talk on how to make Christmas decorations, which was given last week at the YWCA, this time for the benefit of working girls. But she wishes to make clear that there will be no demonstration. This will take place next Monday at 5.15 p.m., and admission will be fifty cents.

During the week-end, Miss Rosemary To, daughter of Dr and Mrs Ernest To, gave a party for her many friends on the occasion of her twelfth birthday.

Quite the young lady, Miss To arranged and sent out all invitations herself, and had about thirty-six guests on Saturday afternoon for tea. Her birthday cakes were a surprise from her parents—one shaped like an angel with paint brushes and all (a tribute to Rosemary's talent in painting), and another iced to resemble a Bible.

After tea and games, the guests were entertained to the thrilling adventures of treasure hunters in a film entitled "Son of King Kong."

A cocktail party was given at the home of Mr and Mrs Harry Odell for their son David on the occasion of his twenty-first birthday. Over a hundred guests turned up.

The party was held up pending the arrival of Mr and Mrs Odell, who were away in Manila, and Mrs Odell, Mrs Odell's mother, who has just come back from a holiday in Australia looking fit and well.

RED RYDER



Flo Wins



By Fred Harman

How's Your Body Complexion



By LOIS LEEDS

DO you know that your body complexion is just as important as the complexion of your face? Hard water, while pure, has a very drying effect on the skin, making it scaly and dry and often red and itchy. If you live in the "hard water" regions, use a generous handful of soda bicarbonate or a dash of starch flakes in your bath water.

Do you know that for a Dry Skin you need a rubdown with oil? A small amount of white mineral oil will give a nice, smooth sheen to your skin, will allay any flakiness and end that itchy feeling.

Do you know that your legs must always be kept smooth? The smooth surface protects your stockings from runs, which, in all fairness to the hosiery people, are often caused by harsh, flaky skin on your legs.

Keep your body hairfree, that is the demand of good taste and good grooming. Underarm shaving must be done regularly. Always put on a little skin freshener and talcum powder after performing this beauty rite.

Do you know that your legs must be kept hairfree? Never allow even a downy fuzz to show. It is so easy to shave the legs or to use a wax depilatory or one of the "erasers" which are made for the removal of superfluous hair on the legs. You can, of course, bleach it by using equal parts of ammonia and peroxide. So be modern and use one of the new, modern ways to remove unwanted and unsightly hair.

The cream depilatories are easy to use. And they are faintly perfumed and no longer have that unpleasant smell. So there is no excuse for appearing in public with a growth of hair on legs, arms, or under the arms.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Chirpie Sparrow Saw Summer

—He Could Only Look at It Through a Window—

By MAX TRELL

IT was, a cold, rainy November morning. Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-out names, were waiting inside the house, watching the window sill where the bread crumbs had been spread out. Presently, they saw Chirpie Sparrow come flying down. He began eating the crumbs, and shaking the rain off his wings every now and then as he ate.

Then Knarf and Hanid opened the window a little and spoke to him. Chirpie Sparrow returned their greetings quite cheerfully.

"Isn't it too bad the summer is over?" Hanid said.

Knarf added: "All the other birds have flown away. The leaves are falling off trees. Isn't it a shame that it can't always be summer time?"

To the surprise of Knarf and Hanid, Chirpie said: "There's still a lot of summer left. I saw it just a few minutes ago."

"You did!" Knarf exclaimed.

Wind Is Cold

"What do you mean, Chirpie?" said Hanid. "Summer's all gone. It's November. The wind is cold and it's been raining all day."

"You couldn't have seen any summer here a few minutes ago," insisted Knarf.

"But I tell you I did," said Chirpie. "I saw trees with all their leaves. I saw rows of flowers blooming. I saw a cricket sitting on a pebble playing his guitar. All these things are certainly summer."

"Where could you see such a thing?" cried Hanid in amazement.

"Just a bit down the road," answered Chirpie.

Knarf and Hanid begged Chirpie to tell them more about this remarkable bit of summer that he had just seen in November. So, after eating a few more of the bread crumbs, and flicking off more of the rain from his feathers, Chirpie explained: "Well, down the road, next to the big house where the farmer lives is another house, made all of windows. You can look right into it."

"Oh, that's the green house!" Knarf said.



Chirpie saw the greenhouse.

Made Him Happy

"That's because it's warm inside the green house," said Hanid. "The sun comes in but the cold and the rain stay out."

"It made me feel happy just to look at it," Chirpie went on. "It made me think of the summer that has just gone. But, better yet, it made me think of the summer that is coming after this winter is over. All the other birds have flown South where everything is still warm—where all the trees still have leaves, where all the flowers are still blooming."

"But I've stayed here—and I've got a little sneek of summer still with me, even though I can only look at it through a glass window."

Then Chirpie ate the last of his crumbs, chirped a merry so-long, and flew off through the November wind and rain to have another look at his little speck of summer.

Rupert & Mr Punch—39



Rupert insists on being the one to risk handling the boat. "There's just room for me in it," he says, "and we got you into this trouble. So I must try to get you out of it." To his great relief, the wind is not strong, and it is blowing towards Sandy Bay. "I'd better row at first," he thinks, "until I'm far enough out to miss hitting the breakwaters, and rocks." Getting very cautiously into the tiny boat, he sets off, and the unassuming sea-gull comes to see what will happen next.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



ALL OVER AGAIN—Audio Murphy, left, who emerged from World War II the most decorated soldier in the combined American Armies, registers for the second peacetime draft in America's history. Signing up the hero is C. A. Meletis, chief registrar of the Hollywood draft board. Discharged a first lieutenant, Murphy, a native of Texas, now 24, holds every medal for valour.



LURE OF THE YUKON—Once again the sourdough is roaming the fabulous north country, this time in search of strategic base metals to replenish government stockpiles. On this site on the crest of Keno Hill, actually a mountain, the Guggenheims once took \$12,000,000 in lead and silver.



ACTRESS SCOUT AT WORK—Natalie Wood, Hollywood starlet, joined the Girl Guides and learned how to make pancakes. With chef Harry Heckel watching, little Natalie shows her skill.



NICE WORK—Rudy Vallee helps Donna Drake fasten her high button shoes on a Hollywood motion picture set between scenes. And they call acting work!



TRAPPED PUPPY RESCUED—Edward Kloepper, an Animal Welfare League worker, rescues a four-week-old puppy, left, from behind a wall in a Chicago home. At right, Kloepper returns the victim to its mistress, Donna Baker. The pup, which fell between two walls, was trapped for 12 hours.



LUCKY BOY—Sue England will play opposite Roddy McDowell in their next film. Vital statistics: she is five foot five and a brunette.



BARBER SHOP GETS THE TRIMMING—A Philadelphia barber and his customer both had a close shave when this runaway truck trimmed off the front of the shop. The driver of the truck escaped unhurt, but his helper was bruised.

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SHIP'S SERVICE—Waves Edith Lawrence, left, and Mary Harrell help Ensign H. L. Wilder stow away the silver of the USS Iowa in San Francisco. Valued at US\$190,000, the silver service was given to the first Iowa in 1897 by the citizens of that state. The present battleship is joining the "mothball" fleet.

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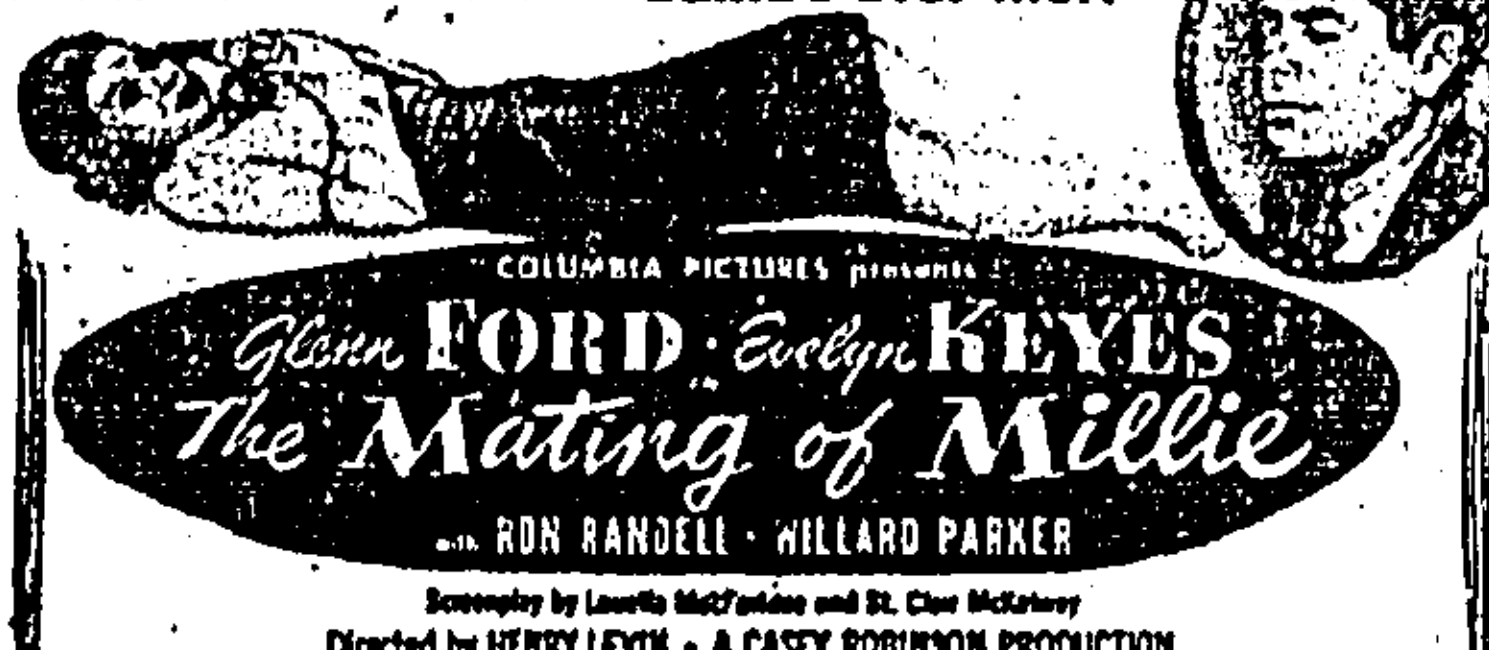
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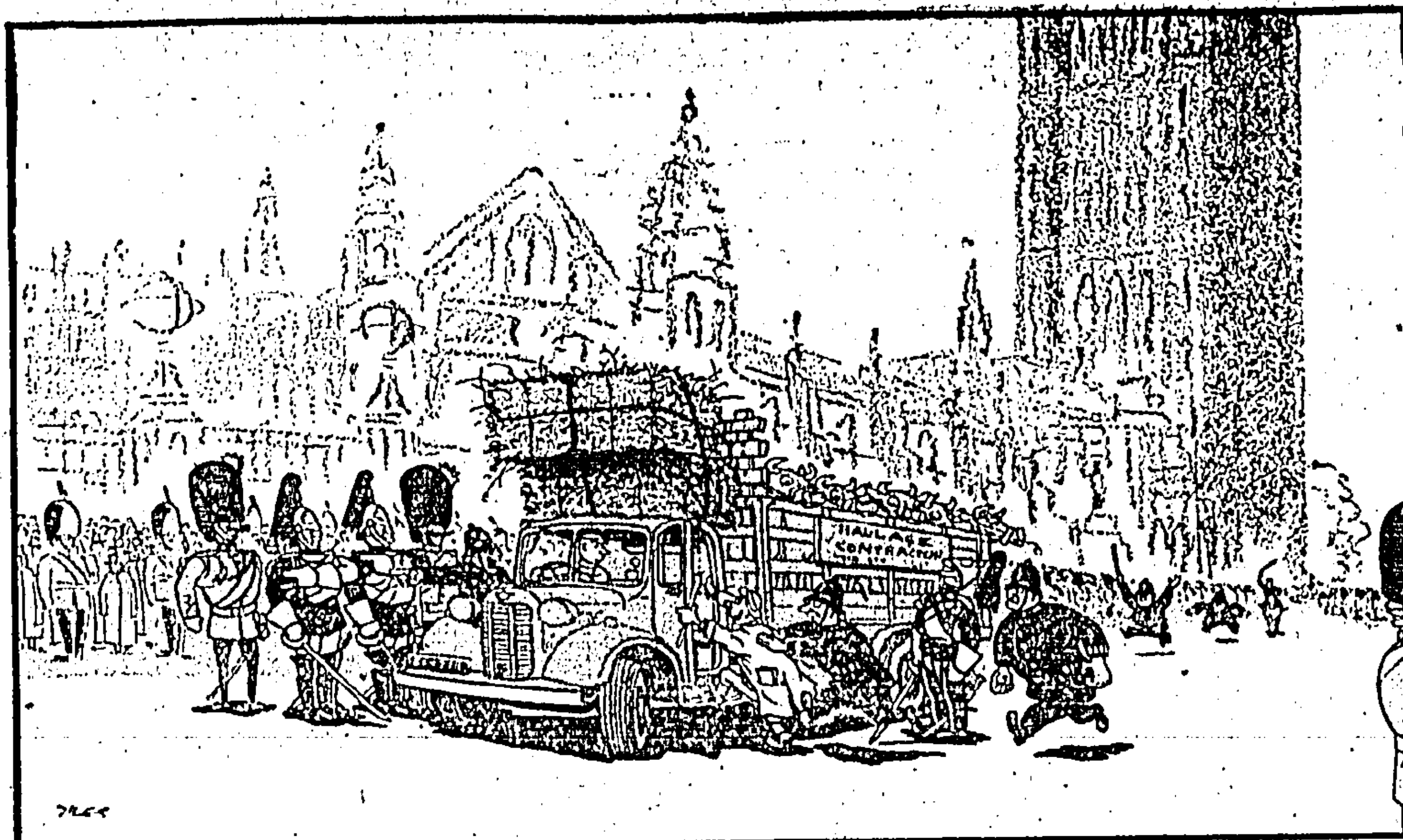
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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WOULD you like to give me a penny for my thoughts?" asked the Sparrow's wife as she bent her back over her tiny bit of knitting.

"Not when I'm going to have them for nothing whether I like it or not," said the Sparrow, sighing with the sheer boredom of her presence.

"I was thinking," said his wife, "what are you going to do if another war breaks out?"

"Dive down a coal mine and stay there," said the Sparrow.

"You can't live in a coal mine," said his wife.

"You'd have a better chance of living down there than up here."

"What I meant was what are you going to do for the country?"

"The same as I did last time," said the Sparrow.

"Whatever was that?"

"Are you telling me that you have forgotten my contribution to victory over the Hitlerite hordes of barbarians?" said the Sparrow. "Can gratitude be so short-lived?"

"I can't remember anything to be grateful for," said his wife. "You didn't join the wardens or anything like that."

"If you will throw what you call a mind back to the years 1940-45," said the Sparrow, "you will remember that I was a reserve fire-watcher at the Tree Tops Club."

"That was a nice sort of war effort."

"It was the nicest I could think of," said the Sparrow. "I was also in the black market."

"And still are," said his wife.

"You're telling me," said the Sparrow.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself—when you think of that nice Mr. Robin, back in the wardens already, learning new ARP and never touching a thing off the ration. He's quite worn out with work and worry."

"He ought to have his brains examined," said the Sparrow.

"His brains are all right," said his wife, "and his heart's in the right place, too. He'll be ready to fight the Communist menace whenever it comes."

"Where are you going?" asked his wife, a tear starting in her eye. "To that awful Tree Tops Club?"

"There are new methods of fire-watching to be learned," said the Sparrow as he flew away. "One mustn't be late on parade."

Dialling LIV

"HULLO. Is that my liver?"

"Um-m-m?"

"Is that my liver?"

"Your liver speaking?"

"Where you asleep?"

"Of course."

"I have some news for you. You know how you hate the east wind?"

"Yes."

"Well, I've got a new kind of body belt for your protection. With straps."

"Good."

"So that it won't slip down and leave you exposed."

"Thanks."

"With these body belts you ought to have a much happier winter."

"Splendid."

"Of course, the usual poisons will be coming down."

"Naturally."

"There will be errors of diet and some indulgences."

"Quite."

"And—er—"

"Um?"

"And Christmas."

"Oh, yes, Christmas."

"You have a rotten time at Christmas, don't you?"

"Mustn't grumble."

"I suppose you remember what Aristotle said about bile?"

"Who?"

"Aristotle. He believed that an excess of bad temper. Haven't you read Aristotle?"

"I can't read in the dark."

"Of course, not. Sorry. But, considering what Aristotle said, and all that Christmas drinking and bile and everything, I think you're pretty sporting the way you deal with things—without losing your temper."

"Don't mention it."

"Shall I send down some liver salts to wake you up?"

"No, thanks."

"Rather go to sleep again?"

"Please."

"O.K. liver."

"Good night."

"But it's early morning."

"Never mind, Good night."

"Good night."

Party conversation

"WHEN we've spent all our capital there won't be any more parties except for distinguished visitors at the Foreign Office."

"Margaret's father says that when they talk about national recovery and the hardships endured by the British people without complaint they never mention the whisky drinkers who pay twice as much for inferior liquor despite income tax and capital depreciation."

"They say Stalin's exactly like an ape with short, thick body and arms almost reaching to the ground."

"If only he could marry glamorous Anna Pauker what wonderful children they'd have."

"My husband says that although Russians are notoriously plain, Communism makes them look worse."

What The Englishman Laughs At

By 'ROBERT' MUSEL

IN vaudeville they used to say: "He who laughs last—Is English."

But the British know that old cliché about their alleged lack of a sense of humour isn't true. They laugh as often and with the same response as others. Only they don't always laugh at the same things.

Recently a British poll was taken on who laughed at what and when.

It showed that the British city dweller is more apt to laugh at jokes about war and current affairs, while the countryman guffaws mainly at domestic humour.

People over 40 laugh more at religion and drunkenness and dialect stories. Younger people seem to go for "shaggy dog" stories.

Both sexes and all ages giggled and smirked at the other kind and the poll takers reported that 4,000 of the 10,000 jokes they analysed couldn't be printed in any form.

"I can enjoy no joke but one that is low and funny," a housewife told the poll-takers. "This combination pleases me immensely. Otherwise my life is pure and simple."

Four years ago the same poll asked the same questions on humour and decided that this was the favourite British joke:

Having ordered a plate of cabbage a restaurant customer plastered it over his head. "What are you doing with that cabbage?" demanded the proprietor. "Is that cabbage?" said the customer. "I thought it was spinach."

The same joke has reappeared in many forms in this year's poll. Here's one of the variations:

A man enters a pub, orders a beer, drains it and walks straight up the wall, across the ceiling, down the other side and out of the door. "That's odd," said another man at the bar. "Yes," said the barmaid, "he usually orders ale."

And another:

"This morning," says a man to a friend, "Julius Caesar got on the number 9 bus with me at Marble Arch and told me he had to race back to Rome for the Ides of March."

"You're lying," snapped the friend. "The number 9 bus doesn't go to Marble Arch."

Among other typical jokes that the British find funny were these:

"Two spinsters went for a tramp in the woods—he got away."

A friend met Harry Pollitt, British Communist leader, in brilliant sunshine with his umbrella up. "It's raining in Moscow," Comrade Harry explained.

Winston Churchill met Health Minister Aneurin Bevan in the House of Commons and the Socialist leader asked Churchill for twopenny to ring up a friend. "Here's fourpenny," said Churchill, "ring up all your friends."

A child climbed on a hobby horse in a department store and refused to get off. The store psychologist was called and after he whispered in the child's ear he immediately went home with its mother. "What did you say," marvelled the mother, "to make my naughty child so obedient?"

Said the psychologist: "I merely whispered 'get off that dashed horse or I'll break your dashed neck.'"

What's funny about ill-health? Here's one British example:

A friend spends an hour consulting a bedridden comrade. After 60 minutes of solid comforting, he turns to go, trips over the door-lamb. And mutters aloud: "What a helluva place to carry a coffin!"—United Press.

REDS' DEFEAT IN BALKAN 'HOT CORNER'

By NORMAN MONTELLIER

TRIESTE. COMMUNIST power is broken in this one-time "hot corner" of the East-West frontier in Europe, Allied military Government officials believe.

Trieste is more like just another seaport town now than the strife ridden city which made headlines during the turbulent period from 1945 until early 1948.

AMG officials are glad to have it that way. "We are quite satisfied that what once was one of Europe's toughest, most uncontrollable Communist parties now look like the weakest one in Europe," they said.

Time has done it. AMG officials said the Italian election defeat of Communism, the church's all-out anti-Communist campaign and the Tito-Cominform argument has so divided the Trieste Communists on nationalistic issues that no faction of the party has enough strength any longer.

"We do not have any fears for the future from local Communists," one AMG man said. "The Communist organization is a shadow of its former self."

Trieste's mixed population of Slavs and Italians, were bound to stand still when the Free State of Trieste was first proposed. Slides were drawn either for Yugoslavia or for Italy. There was no popular support for the free territory idea, now repudiated by Anglo-American government leaders as well.

But while nationalism was the first instinct, Communist leaders quickly moved in to weld the anti-free state population into a powerful Communist party, concentrating on fighting the Anglo-American occupation policy in the zone administered by AMG.

80,000 Members

AMG spokesmen said the Communist organization grew to around 80,000 members at its peak. Parades and demonstrations, which were frequent, always drew up to 50,000 persons. Riots were common and AMG's job of trying to keep order in its zone of the free state was a difficult one.

The free state came into being with the signing of the peace treaty. The Yugoslav military took over control of the southern part of the state. The rest, including Trieste city and harbour, was run by 5,000 American and 5,000 British soldiers.

The Communists concentrated on stirring up trouble in the local shipyards, accusing AMG of violating civil liberties, charging discrimination against Slavs and the harbourage of known Fascist criminals. The Communists campaigned for "unification" of the free state, backing up Yugoslav gestures toward the same goal, on Yugoslav terms.

The Last Straw

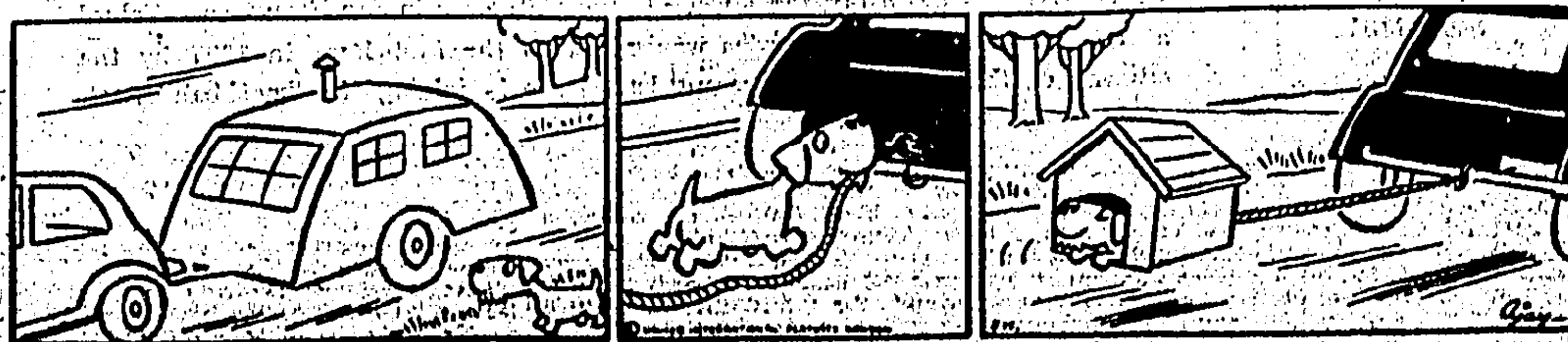
AMG plugged ahead with its independent policy. The standard of living rose steadily until Trieste-city and the rest of the Anglo-American zone was in a remarkably good position compared with the hungry Yugoslavia. On Civilians were given more and more voice in the zone's administration, and the Communists were checked in every effort to get control of key positions.

The April 18 election defeat of Communism in Italy hit the Trieste party hard. Italians began bolting the party and Slavs, listening more intently to Tito's nationalistic propaganda, began ignoring the Cominform pronouncements.

The Tito-Cominform break was the last straw. Slavs lined up on the side of Tito. They are still Communists but more nationalistic in favour of Yugoslavia than anything else. The pro-Cominform Communists regrouped slowly and before they collected themselves, the Titoists managed to snatch the party's funds, leaving the others broke.—United Press.



THE ADVENTURES OF FIDO



BRIDGE HOUSE WAR CRIMES TRIAL

YOSHIDA OPENS HIS DEFENCE

CLAIMS WITNESSES HAVE COMMITTED PERJURY

Sergeant Yoshida Bunzo, the second accused in the Bridge House case, entered the witness box and testified on his own behalf before the War Crimes Court at Lyemun Barracks this morning.

Yoshida, who declined the services of a Japanese lawyer, is conducting his own defence.

The first accused, Lt-Gen. Eiichi Kinoshita, who completed his evidence yesterday, is represented by Mr Kakehi Masao, barrister-at-law of Tokyo.

Big Uranium Strike In Canada

Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Nov. 9.—Reports of an important uranium strike along the northeastern shore of Lake Superior today started a rush of prospectors into the area. Test assays showed radio active deposits to be 59.1 percent uranium ore. Local miners described the find as having "sensational possibilities."

So far, 225 claims have been staked with new claims being registered at the rate of 50 per day. The discovery was made a month ago by Robert Campbell of the Camray Mining Syndicate, who spotted the ore on a coastline rock where erosion bared a two-inch seam of shiny black pitchblende. Prospectors said that the uranium rush reminded them of the recent find in Flin Flon, Manitoba.

Tents are springing up all through the formerly uninhabited bushland and men are probing the area with geiger counters.

POPULAR FISHING AREA

The area of a strike, 73 miles north-east of Sault Ste Marie, was well-known to many amateur fishermen who made excursions along the coastline from Batchewana Bay north to Montreal River. Approximately 30 resorts in the isolated country were jammed in the normally slack season.

Several started erecting new cabins and temporary structures to house mining claims in the inaccessibility of the region made it difficult to determine how many prospectors, mining company representatives and fortune hunters flocked to the strike. Local residents estimated that 500 or more trucks to the region. Cars and trucks to the region. Cars and trucks to the region. Cars and trucks to the region.

Campbell, of Toronto, was said to have staked out 30 claims before other geologists and mining companies heard of the strike. —United Press.

NEW CIVIL DEFENCE PLANS

London, Nov. 9.—The threat of the atomic bomb will be fully recognised in Britain's revised civil defence arrangements dealt with in the new Civil Defence Bill published tonight.

The main points in the new plan are:

There will be no compulsion for civil defence service in peace time though volunteers, once they are enrolled, may be subject to a penalty not exceeding £5 if they fail to proceed with their training.

The civil defence services will not be put under the control of the Army.

In an emergency, the nucleus of the new plans will be a series of training colleges—four at first—which will train instructors who, in turn, will provide the basis for nationwide instruction.

MAINTAINING SERVICES

The new Act will not involve for the first time—the construction of new deep or other shelters though the demolition of some wartime shelters had been stopped.

Preparations will include plans to maintain essential services—electricity, gas, water, hospitals and fire services—but the fire service, which came under national control in the last war, is not expected to be nationalised in peace time.

The civil defence services will have an organisation distinct from the Army, although in an emergency certain units of the Army may operate within the civil defence system.

The arrangements will recognise the possible use in wartime of atomic weapons. Nevertheless, they will also provide protection against conventional methods of warfare.

Quarters close to the Government emphasize that the introduction of the Bill at this stage has no relation to the present situation of international affairs.

The bill has been envisaged since 1945 when the wartime measures of civil defence were being considered.

Hopes To Prove Innocence



Dr Alice Lindsay Wynekoop, 77, undergoes a test in Chicago, which she hopes will show she served nearly 14 years in prison for a crime she did not commit. The test is being administered by Dr Orlando Scott, inventor of a device which he says measures brain waves. Mrs Wynekoop was convicted of slaying her daughter-in-law in 1933. She has maintained her innocence throughout the trial and ever since.—AP Picture.

Repressing Sabotage & Black Market Activities In France

Paris, Nov. 9.—The French Cabinet met tonight under the presidency of the Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille, and adopted a series of draft bills proposed by the Minister of Justice, M. Andre Marie, for repressing acts of sabotage and black market activities. These measures will be submitted to the National Assembly when it meets on November 16.

The official communiqué issued after the meeting stated that the object of these measures would be to "repress active or passive acts of sabotage, attempts to disrupt the normal working of constitutional bodies, such as the Chambers, acts of violence against works ordered or authorised by the Government, and business combines seeking artificially to boost prices to make goods scarce."

The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior, M. Robert Targui, said after the meeting: "None of the measures, which will be submitted to the National Assembly, concerns the right to strike, which is authorised by the Constitution. The measures proposed by M. Marie were interpreted in Government circles as a direct result of the acts of violence and sabotage which have marked the six-week old miners' strike and as a move to discourage such acts in future."

PASSIVE SABOTAGE
The recent Communist-dictated withdrawal of essential safety services from a number of mines is, it was understood, a typical example of the passive sabotage with which the proposed measures deal.

The measures against food speculators and other traffickers were seen as a move by the Government to counter-balance its anti-Communist action by stabilising the economic position.

Earlier, observers had suggested that tonight's Cabinet meeting was to consider the position of the present Government as a result of the victory of General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People in last Saturday's elections.

No definite decisions were expected before the weekend. The Popular Republicans, one of the chief pillars of the present Coalition, had its representatives reduced from 72 to 14 and two Ministers of the Party lost their seats.

In consequence, a strong minority attending a meeting of the Party Executive tonight favoured withdrawing from the Government altogether.

The Socialists, who more than held their own on Sunday by winning 48 seats on the other hand favour continuing in the Government, "subject to energetic measures" being taken against Communists, Gaullists and black marketeers.

REAL OR PYRRHIC?
Most Radicals favour maintaining the Government. They expect that Radicals elected on a Gaullist-Radical ticket will, on critical occasions, support the Government rather than the Gaullist organisation.

Opinion is divided whether the Gaullist successes constitute a real or merely a pyrrhic victory for General de Gaulle's organisation. While the Gaullist claim 123 pledged adherents in the new Upper Chamber, which when fully elected will have 320 members, their adversaries say there is no guarantee that the electoral bargains leading to the Gaullist successes will in practice be observed.

General de Gaulle's Rally of the French People came out at the head of the poll when complete results of the election became known today, with the returns from Guadeloupe.

(French West Indies) and French Guiana.
Guadeloupe returned two Gaullists and Guiana a Socialist, bringing the final Gaullist representation in the Council of the Republic to 110 in a Chamber of 280.

The final state of the parties are: Gaullists 110, Socialists 48, Radicals 46, Independents 19, Communists 10, Popular Republicans 14, PRL (Right-wing) three, other parties seven—making a total of 269.—Reuter.

Maritime Strike Takes New Turn

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—The AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, idled for 69 days by the CIO waterfront tieup, today announced that they will not return to work until "several" jurisdictional disputes are settled.

Officials of the Sailors Union also said that they will demand a "satisfactory wage adjustment" based on the strike settlement pay raises before returning to their ships.

The surprise hitch in the maritime peace plans threatened to keep ocean traffic in Pacific Coast ports frozen despite the resumption of negotiations with CIO Longshoremen, Marine Cooks, Radio Operators and Independent Marine Firemen which are involved in the long waterfront deadlock.

Pacific ships could not sail without 16,000 AFL seamen even if some 30,000 CIO strikers and independent firemen should end their 10-week port tieup.

The sailors also charged that the longshoremen and marine cooks were attempting to drive them out of business and off the coast. The new waterfront threat came as the Federal conciliator, William Margolis, and Mr Alan Haywood were enroute here to participate in negotiations to end the CIO strike. They are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday.—United Press.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT MISSING

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 9.—Weather forced the abandonment of an aerial search of the Alps today for a two-engined chartered British plane which disappeared on the night of October 30 while flying from London to Milan.

It was carrying eight passengers, most of them Australians, and was bound for Australia, a British official said.—Associated Press.

Gandhi's Slayer Tells His Story

"I Have Done What I Wanted To Do"

New Delhi, Nov. 10.—The man who killed Mohandas K. Gandhi told in court yesterday how he slew the saintly Hindu leader.

The assassin, Nathuram Vinayak Godse, who is on trial with seven other persons, testified that 300 to 400 people were present as Gandhi walked from Birla House to his doom. The killer's story went on: "I had my pistol in my bushcoat pocket. I released the safety catch, put my pistol between my palms, bowed my head, closed my eyes and said: 'I bow to you, Gandhi.'"

"Immediately I fired. I wanted to fire only two shots, but somehow—I don't know how—a third shot came out."

"For a half minute there was a lull in the crowds. None could understand what had happened. All were stunned and I broke the spell by crying, 'Police, police.'"

BEATEN ON HEAD

"The first man to catch hold of me was a policeman. Then there was another man who had a stick in his hand. He began beating me on the head. I began to bleed. I told him, 'I don't care what happens to me. I have done what I wanted to do. I am prepared to lose my skull.'"

"As the policeman caught me from behind, I saw another man take the pistol from my hand. I told him, 'Beware, the safety catch is loose.' He said threateningly, 'I am going to shoot you.'"

"I said, 'I am ready, I don't care, but take care you don't shoot yourself.' Then I saw the crowd move about and the police took me to the station."

Godse said in a statement released by his attorneys last week that he killed Gandhi, exponent of peace and non-violence, purely for the benefit of humanity.—Associated Press.

MYSTIFYING COMET

Cambridge, Massachusetts, Nov. 9.—The new comet seen flashing across the skies in Australia, South Africa, Argentina and Mexico during the past two days was today baffling astronomers here attempting to chart its path.

Mr Charles Federer, editor of the journal, Sky and Telescope, who is collaborating with the Harvard University in compiling reports, said: "We still do not know what direction it is going. We have got to find out one more position."

Reports on the comet's brightness have been conflicting. A South African report placed its degree of brightness at the second magnitude about one-fifteenth as bright as Venus, which is the brightest planet in the night sky apart from the moon.

Senior Luis Enriquez Ferré, Director of the National Astrophysical Observatory at Tonantzintla, Mexico, said it was brighter than Venus. (South African astronomers have provisionally named the comet "1948". Reuters correspondent reported from Bloemfontein.)

Whether the comet is new, said they needed three photographs, taken at intervals of a few days, to plot its orbit, according to Radio Australia.—Reuter.

SHIPOWNERS' CONFERENCE

London, Nov. 9.—The Baltic and International Maritime Conference attended by shipowners of 10 countries opened in London today for the first time in over 20 years.

The President of the British Chamber of Shipping, Sir George P. Christopher, told the delegates that the opposition of British shipowners could be described as one of transition between complete control during the war and the complete freedom to which they hoped one day to return.

Mr Hans Petersen, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Conference, said it was most gratifying to hear that it was the policy of the British shipping industry that chartering conditions should be the same for British and other flags alike.

He added that the tonnage registered in the conference in 1939 was about 10 million tons gross. That dropped to about six million tons gross during the war, but it had now risen to about nine million. The conference then went into private session.—Reuter.

Likely Loan For Iraq

Baghdad, Nov. 9.—Unconfirmed reports here today said Iraq heavily burdened financially by the Palestine war, might get a British loan "shortly". Iraq also expects 3,000-4,000 Egyptian Sterling (£2,075,000) in January.

Iraq is in the sterling area but since she is outside the Commonwealth's "gentlemen's agreement" about accumulating scarce currencies, she and Britain make periodical agreements on how much scarce currency Iraq shall spend.

Last June, a mutually satisfactory agreement was announced by the British Treasury.—Reuter.

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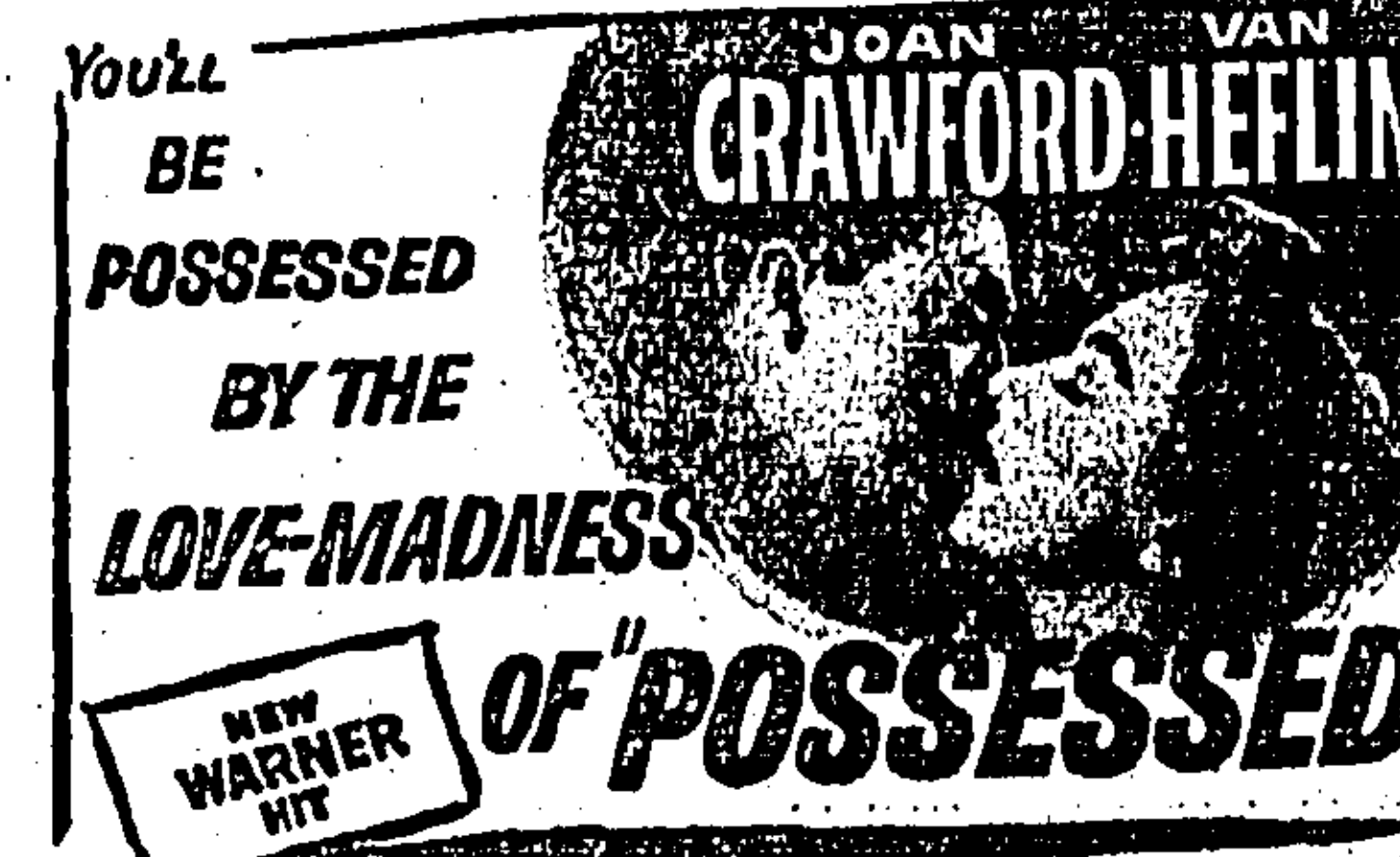
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£1,000 Gift For French Strikers

London, Nov. 9.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, has given permission for the Communist-controlled Scottish branch of the National Union of Mineworkers to send £1,000 to the striking French miners.

When the Scottish miners decided last month to follow up a resolution of support for the French miners' strike with a financial gift, the question was raised whether they would be allowed to send it out of the country in view of the currency restrictions.

In Parliament today, Sir Stafford said that permission was granted in appropriate cases for the transmission abroad of monies needed for charitable purposes.

The present application, he said, was described as being to buy food and clothing for the miners and their dependents. "On the understanding that the gift is for bona fide charitable purposes, I have decided to allow it," he said.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.30 Programme Summary: 6.45 "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas (BBCS). 7.00 The Challenge: 7.15 "The United States" by the Air Force (O.B.S.). 7.30 World and Home News (London Relay). 7.45 Jazz Orchestra (BBCS). 8.00 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 8.15 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 8.30 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 8.45 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 9.00 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 9.15 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 9.30 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 9.45 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 10.00 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 10.15 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 10.30 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 10.45 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 11.00 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 11.15 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 11.30 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 11.45 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 12.00 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 12.15 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 12.30 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 12.45 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 1.00 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 1.15 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 1.30 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 1.45 "The Nightingale" (BBCS). 2.00 "The 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INCIDENT OVER SOCIAL STATUS OF FREDDIE MILLS

MCC TOURISTS SEND LETTER OF PROTEST

Johannesburg, Nov. 9.—Members of the MCC team, including George Mann the captain, and the manager, Brigadier M. A. Green, were incensed when they learned that Freddie Mills, the British cruiser-weight champion, and his manager, Ted Broadbribb, had been refused admission to the pavilion of Newlands, Capetown, after flying from here to meet members of the team.

Brig. Green immediately sought an interview with W. Mars, President of the Western Province Cricket Club, who are the owners of Newlands but who lease the ground to the Western Province Cricket Union for big matches. They retain the right of admission to the pavilion.

It is understood that Brig. Green was informed that the two visitors were refused admission to the pavilion on the grounds of their "social status."

The MCC manager asked on a point of principle for a ruling on what grounds the team could invite into their dressing room but he received an unsatisfactory answer.

Brig. Green has addressed a strongly worded letter of protest to the South African Cricket Board of Control.—Associated Press.

MCC WINS AGAIN

Capetown, Nov. 9.—Scoring 93 runs for no wicket in under one and a quarter hours, the MCC won their third match of their South African tour, beating Cape Province by ten wickets.

The final scores were: Cape Province 223 and MCC 456 and 93 for no wicket.

Chesterham, the Western Province captain, made a gallant attempt to stave off defeat and he was unfortunate to be bowled after reaching 94.

Despite his fine innings the tourists were left with two hours' play to knock off the required runs.—Reuter.

CHARMING & FEMININE

Perth, Nov. 9.—The English women's cricket team is "not utterly masculine as some Australians think," Miss Molly Hyde, captain of the team said when they docked at Perth yesterday.

They are here for a series of matches in Australia.

"My girls are charming and feminine and just as pretty as typical English women," Miss Hyde said.—Associated Press.

TALLON'S "DOUBLE"

Brisbane, Nov. 9.—The Australian wicket keeper, Don Tallon, figured in a brilliant double today when playing for his club in his first match since returning from England. He captured all 10 wickets and scored a century.

Tallon assumed the role of a slow bowler to skittle out a combined County team at Brisbane, his 100 wickets costing only 30 runs. Then he hit 106 not out.—Reuter.

VON CRAMM'S COMEBACK

Geneva, Nov. 9.—Gottfried von Cramm, 39-year-old, pre-war German Davis Cup star, made his first appearance in international competition outside Germany since the war here today when, in the first round of the Swiss covered courts championship, he defeated Robert Largentini, of Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2.

Von Cramm showed every sign of living up to his pre-war form and is now a strong favourite for the event. He said that he was playing as a private German citizen and had been wrongly listed as a Swedish entry. "I cannot play officially for Germany, but I am still a German," he added.

Von Cramm is to visit France, Denmark, Britain and Sweden before returning to his home near Hanover in the British Zone of Germany. While in Britain, he hopes to have discussions with the British Lawn Tennis Association.—Reuter.

Coming Events In The Sports World

TODAY

Tennis—Colon Open Championship: Trui Wol-pui & Mrs. E. E. Linton v. Ho Ka-lau & Mrs. Loo, at Ladies' Recreation Club, 4.45 p.m.
Open Hardcourt Championships: Choy Tin-fook v. Turner Cook; J. B. Mackie v. Wong Shiu-wing; Tui Yau-pai v. Au Kam-moon; Tsang Chi-ming & P. Poon v. Rock Liang & Kwok Hing-chung; R. Segalen & H. A. Ayres v. A. Fung & Chung Yue-wing, at Chinese Recreation Club, 4.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Chess—Lightning Chess Tournament at Kowloon Chess Club, 6.30 p.m. sharp.
Boxing—Close Entries close for 10th Extra Race Meeting, 10.00 p.m.
Meeting—Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.
Tennis—Open Hardcourt Championships: Lee Wai-tong v. Wong Shiu-pik; E. L. Ho & S. A. Hummel v. Au Kam-moon & Choy Ping-kin.

FRIDAY

Meeting—Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Chess Club, Hotel Royal Garden, 6.30 p.m.

GOALIE JUST DOES IT



Tam Kwan-kon, the Clivies' goal-keeper, against the Combined Services just punches out in time in a rush-out to meet a Services' attack during the Poppy Fund match at Sookunpo on Monday.

It was a hectic moment for Tam but one of a very few as the Rest won by an easy margin of 6-1.—Ming Yuen Photograph.

FEMININE PUGILIST SAYS SHE IS

"READY TO HAVE A CRACK AT A MAN OF MY WEIGHT"

By LES SERVICE

Barbara Buttrick, aged 18, height 4ft. 11in., waist 23in., wants to become England's first woman professional boxer.

Every evening she goes straight from her work as a shorthand typist to Mickey Wood's Mayfair Gymnasium in Great Portland-street.

There, under the guidance of Mickey Wood, the former British light-weight champion, Wally May, trainer of Len Harvey, and 22-year-old Len Smith, her own coach, she goes through the training routine, bag-punching, skipping, sparring.

She has been doing this for three hours every evening for the past three months.

"I watched her sparring with Len Smith. Neither of them pulled punches. Barbara landed several blows on Len.

Then, wearing a boxer's dressing gown, her hands bandaged, she told me she is the only child of a store-keeper in Cottenham, near Hull.



BARBARA BUTTRICK

Yorkshire, and came to London three months ago to become a professional boxer.

"Three years ago I read about Polly Burns, the prize fighter of many years ago and made up my mind to become a boxer like her," she told me.

"My future has done well in all other sports—so why shouldn't we box too?"

"I AM READY"

She wrote to Len Smith and he agreed to coach her, found her a job as a shorthand typist for a West End firm selling slimming tablets and lodgings in the Y.W.C.A.

"I am now ready to do some real fighting," said Barbara. "I hope to contact other girls who are interested and to found a boxing club for women."

"My future has done well in all other sports—so why shouldn't we box too?"

Said Len Smith: "She has fought some pretty tough school-boys in this gymnasium and she came out on top."

"A GREAT FUTURE"

Said Mickey Wood: "That girl's got a great future. She is the first woman I have met who really enjoys boxing."

"We hope she will be able to fight in properly conducted exhibitions."

So far the British Boxing Board of Control do not recognise woman boxers.

Barbara goes on working in the gymnasium, wearing ring shorts embroidered with the Union Jack and an outside capital B. She has already chosen her ring name. It is "Battling Butt."

BASEBALL CLUBS BUILD FROM THE TOP DOWN

By MILTON RICHMAN

New York, Nov. 9.—Most contractors build from the ground up but big league baseball clubs are reversing the process today and building from the top down.

Each club numbers on its roster two or three players who form the spearhead and backbone of the team. Players who are acquired after that are built around the few established stars.

The New York Yankees are reported to be set for a series of wholesale trades and sales but there is a handful of Bronx Bombers who are virtually certain of their jobs next year.

Players like Joe DiMaggio, Vic Fanechi, Phil Rizzuto and Tommy Henrich, any additional talent acquired by the Yankees will be constructed around that quarter—for the 1949 season at any rate.

PHILLIES DISPLEASED

The Philadelphia Phillies, who acquired outfielder Bill Nicholson and Pitcher Russ Meyer from the Chicago Cubs during the World Series, were far from pleased with their sixth place finish in 1948.

They have a nucleus, too, and their 1949 club will centre around Richie Ashburn, Curt Simmons, Ralph Caballero, Del Ennis, Robin Roberts and newcomer Stan Lopata, who is regarded, one of the best young catchers to hit the majors in many years.

Brooklyn, always in the quest of new, young talent, has several players who seem sure to frolic in Flatbush for several more seasons. The list includes Pee Wee Reese, Roy Campanella, Rex Barney, Joe Hatten and Bruce Edwards.

BIG JOB

The Detroit Tigers are faced with one of the greatest rebuilding jobs in the majors.

Fixed solidly at their positions in Detroit's scheme of things are George Kell, Walt (Hot) Evers, Hal Newhouser and Johnny Lipton. After that, however, there will be a wild scramble for all positions at Briggs Stadium.

Manager Charlie Grimm of the Cubs says his club will bear several new faces next year but there are some Chienogens who seem safe.

Eddie Waitkus is one. Bob Schefeling is second. Hall Joffe is a third and Andy Pafko a fourth. The Philadelphia Athletics do not promise to do too much rebuilding as Manager Connie Mack is satisfied with most of the players who surround the baseball world during 1948.

Mack, incidentally, still is seeking that elusive longball hitter without much success.

The A's have added Conker Tripp, who starred in the minors but has never proven himself a major leaguer.—United Press.

LAWN BOWLS

INTERNATIONAL SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the International Lawn Bowls Competition will be played at the Club de Recoelo on Sunday, November 14, starting at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

As a result of the draw the Philippines will meet Scotland while Pakistan meets England.

THE TEAMS

The teams will be:
Pakistan: M. I. Razack, K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (skip).
England: B. W. Bradbury, A. L. G. Eastman, L. Sykes and F. Goodwin (skip).
Scotland: W. Melrose, J. M. Forrest, J. Fraser and J. Orem (skip).
Philippines: L. S. da Silva, D. A. Rosario, W. C. Ogley and A. E. Coates (skip).

HOCKEY

TWO TOP TEAMS TO MEET

The two leading Hockey Association teams, Recoelo and Khalsa, will meet on Sunday at King's Park. Both are unbeaten, though Khalsa has conceded a draw to Navy.

The Hockey Association fixtures for Sunday are:
Club de Recoelo v. Khalsa, King's Park, 10 a.m. Umpires: G. T. Palmer, Yeo Sigs Gates.
Civil Service v. University, Sookunpo, 9.30 a.m. Umpire: Capt. H. J. Chisnell.—Capt. Mallins.
Dutch HC v. Dockyard RC, RNRC, King's Park, (1) 10 a.m. Umpires: J. S. Grewal, E. R. A. Miller.
Cable & Wireless v. YMCA, King's Park, (YMCA), 10 a.m. Umpires: D. T. Smith, SEPCO Shaw.

Lightning Chess Tournament

The Kowloon Chess Club will be holding a Lightning Chess Tournament tomorrow evening, commencing at 6.30 p.m. sharp. The tourney is expected to be completed by 8 a.m.

Members who would like to see the inauguration of an annual Club Lightning Chess Championship are asked to turn up for the tourney tomorrow as it is being specifically held to see how much support there is for lightning chess.

HARD COURT RESULTS

Results of the Hardcourt tennis tournament played at HK yesterday were:
Men's Doubles—Lee Yue-wing and Wong Shiu-wing beat G. K. Goosie and T. E. Rodriguez 6-4, 6-4.
Men's Singles—George Chao beat Choy Ping-kin 7-5, 6-4.

THE MANNION CASE QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

London, Nov. 9.—Grievances of English professional footballers under the present transfer system, and the case of Wilf Mannion, the Middlesbrough international inside-left, are to be raised in the House of Commons by Mr. Ellis Smith, Labour Member for Stoke, it is understood here.

The position was discussed tonight when Mr. James Sutherland, Chairman of the Players' Union, visited the House and talked with a number of Members.

He said afterwards: "We are very concerned about the present position of footballers. What we are trying to break down is illustrated by the case of Mannion. His contract has expired, yet owing to the system in vogue he can still be held by Middlesbrough."—Reuter.

Cricket Teams

The KCC seniors are at home in a league cricket match against the University on Saturday afternoon, starting at 1.45, and the team will be:

R. E. Lee (capt), E. C. Fincher, N. Hart Baker, G. E. Taylor, W. D. M. Webb, J. H. Hewitt, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, J. Barrow, M. J. Divescu and E. Randall. Umpire, C. J. Merritt; scorer, J. P. Robinson.

The KCC Second XI has a friendly match against King George V School on the school ground, and the team will be:

S. A. Gray (capt), S. C. Trueman, R. Leigh, G. R. Rasselet, V. C. Bond, K. Adams, D. G. White, V. H. White, V. C. Seymour, E. A. J. Hancock, and E. Guest. Reserves, E. Cosgrove, A. J. Wood.

On Sunday next a Mainland side, composed of players from the KCC and Club de Recoelo, will meet the Mayday Services XI in an all-day game on the KCC ground.

The Mainland will be represented by: R. E. Lee (capt), E. C. Fincher, N. Hart Baker, G. E. Taylor, W. D. M. Webb, J. H. Hewitt, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, J. Barrow, M. J. Divescu and E. Randall. Umpire, C. J. Merritt; scorer, J. P. Robinson.

NEGRO OLYMPIC STAR FINDS EUROPEANS A FRIENDLY LOT

Cleveland, O., Nov. 9.—Harrison Dillard, Olympic 100-metre champion and one of the world's best hurdlers, believes that an extension of international sport might result in lessening of international strife.

"At the Olympics and on our post-Olympic tour of Europe I was impressed by many things, but mostly I remember how nice the people in Europe treated me," the 25-year-old Negro star said. "I was beating the hometown runners, but the people still were wonderful to me."

"I think the people over there are so interested in athletics because for so long a time they had nothing but war. Good, clean athletic competition is one of the strongest reminders and promoters of peace."

Dillard competed in Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Sweden, Norway and Denmark after leaving London, and said one of the greatest thrills of his trip was his presentation to the King and Queen of England at Buckingham Palace.

"We were driven to the palace in buses and then waited 30 minutes in a magnificent outer chamber," Dillard related. "We were given no specific instructions on how to address the royal family, and so we shook hands normally with a slight bow."

"The Queen must have watched the Olympic results closely, because she said to me 'yours was the record performance, wasn't it?' I replied that it tied the record."

"There again you can see the real importance of clean competition," Dillard said. "The people want sports and are willing to make special efforts for good games."—United Press.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Point-Count Shows Definite Game Bid

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THIS is the third of a series of articles based on Fred L. Karpin's booklet, "The Point-Count System of Bidding in Contract Bridge."

It has been difficult, says Mr. Karpin, to interpret the precise significance of jump bids, but with the point-count system, the true meaning of jump bids is no longer ambiguous. To illustrate, he gives today's hand, taken from the national championships last year at Atlantic City, N. J.

In most cases, South bid two clubs over North's bid of one spade. Then North bid only three spades. South, who felt that he had shown the full value of his hand with the bid of two clubs, passed the three-spade bid.

Karpin points out that it is impossible to miss game on the hand when using the point-count system. South has only a count of 10 and

AKQJ82 (12)	AKQJ82 (12)
K75 (3)	K75 (3)
82 (0)	82 (0)
K4 (3)	K4 (3)
10 (1)	10 (1)
74 (0)	74 (0)
J1003 (3)	J1003 (3)
1002 (0)	1002 (0)
52 (0)	52 (0)
Q84 (2)	Q84 (2)
973 (0)	973 (0)
AQJ85 (10)	AQJ85 (10)

Tournament—N-S vul.
South West North East
Pass Pass Pass Pass
2♣ 4♠ 4♠ Pass
Opening—4♠ 2♠

therefore must pass, as it takes a minimum of 13 points to open the bidding. According to this system, 20 points in the combined hands will produce a game.

North, with a count of 18 points, makes the normal opening bid of one spade. (The count on North's spade suit is 12, that is, four for the ace, three for the king, two for the queen, one for the jack, and one each for the fifth and sixth cards in the suit.)

Any response at the two-level in a new suit shows a minimum of 9 points. Therefore, when South bids two clubs, North adds 9 points to his own 18 for a total of 27. Now he knows that there is a game in the combined hands, so instead of bidding three spades, which South might pass, North jumps to four spades.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- Across
- Although incoherent it may prove to be a grim reaper. (10)
 - Make a noise; and M.I. will counter it. (10)
 - It's not heavy in return. (31)
 - Total. (3)
 - Apparatus for putting out a fire. (10)
 - The cap is invariably low down. (10)
 - Vulgarity known as an ear. (3)
 - See 3 down.
 - Any 100 spooking hens may usually be found in the nursery. (10)
 - flow irritating that turn up service now can be. (4)
 - If Mole says no to this where would you be? (10)

- Down
- They could play a live reel for this. (10)
 - Initially, to take 'Unacceptable, the national poet. (10)
 - See 20. The element may provide a main course or the sweet. (10)
 - A twelfth man for the Navy per. (10)
 - See 10 down.
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DUMB BELLS

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YOU AND YOUR WIFE ARE TAKING FRENCH LESSONS? YES, WE'VE ADOPTED A FRENCH BABY AND WE WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE SAYS WHEN HE GROWS UP!



Check Your Knowledge

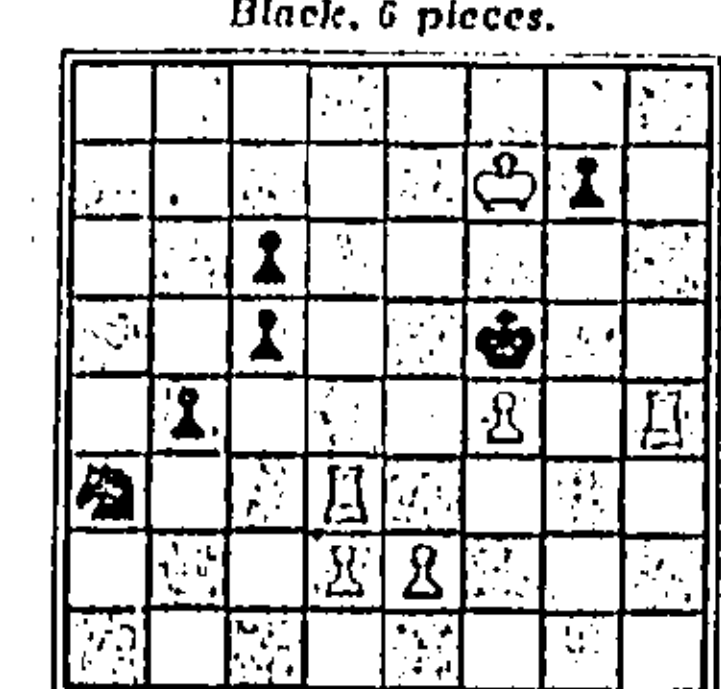
- Give the abbreviations of Arizona and Arkansas.
- What are sun spots?
- Who discovered oxygen?
- How many languages are spoken in India?
- What country produces the largest crop of cotton in the world?
- Locate Mount Sinai.

(Answers on Column 5)

CHESS PROBLEM

By G. HEATHCOTE

Black, 6 pieces.



White to play and mate in three

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-Q6; any 2. Q-R, B-Kt, or P mates.

Of course the four spade contract is made easily. As a matter of fact, five is made if East, after cashing the king and queen of diamonds, continues with a diamond instead of cashing the ace of hearts. Now declarer can discard his three hearts on dummy's good clubs.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

BORN today, your talents are many, but you must exert your will power to use them. The most of the gifts which the stars gave you at birth. Undeveloped genius can only make you unhappy. You have a pleasant personality and do your best work when it consists of dealing with or working directly with people. Since you should use your ability to understand human nature by turning your attention to literature. Fond of books written by others, develop your own talent for writing them, as well. Despite being strong-willed, when it comes to doing something you want to do, you are rather too easily led by your associates. With you, a friend can do no wrong. Be careful in the selection of your close friends.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Exert caution in all departments today! Postpone a journey, if you can, and make sure you are not expanding too fast.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Matters are confused both on the romance and the business fronts, so be careful in everything you do. Keep each department separate.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be cautious in any business expansion, but if you are an employee, you may anticipate advantages secured through your employer.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—New friends may influence your future and open up new business opportunities. Be alert for all chances for advancement.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Make fast your moorings. Make sure of what you have and don't be tempted to over-expand. Handle minor affairs only, now.
ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Be thrifty if you must make expenditures. Accidents are usually due to haste, so be cautious and look where you are going!
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Only favorable for routine. When it comes to innovations, make plans, but postpone any execution of them until later.
GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—If you are shrewd, you may handle some important business matter, but be very cautious. Guard all your assets carefully.
CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Recognition, now, for past work is in the stars. Be prepared to receive it humbly. New opportunities may now begin to open also.
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A confusing day; some good; some bad. Take full advantage of progressive potentials by making actual advances cautiously.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Giving everything a second thought today may save trouble later on. Caution is your watchword just now.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—An excellent day for the consummation of a new contract. If signed now, it should be definitely in your favor. Be alert.

MIDWINTER BOOK PARADE

CAN YOU FACE A NEW LOST WEEK-END?

BY DANIEL GEORGE

THE STORY OF MRS MURPHY

by Natalie Anderson Scott

(Macdonald 12s. 6d.)

ALL those great American novels which, like ancient British wood, painted life in the raw—can you remember their titles? "Never mind. Here's a new one. "New who read it are likely to forget it," says one eminent American testimonial. He is right, too. If, as another says, it is the kind of book which "hits the reading public with the force of a bomb."

Just how many casualties were inflicted by "The Story of Mrs. Murphy" we are not told. Nor is it divulged whether, as the result of its moral being taken to the ever-open hearts of impressionable multitudes, consumption of hard liquor in the United States dropped, and the number of lost week-ends dwindled almost to vanishing point.

Murphy's Wife

We stand in no urgent need of such a distended temperance tract. Most of us who succeed in keeping our heads above water can risk taking more than a naturalist's interest in the capricious career of Jimmy Murphy, to whom it was said: "Booze is your wife. Booze, that's what you're married to." (Hence the Mrs. Murphy of the title.)

Even a detached, quasi-scientific concern with a woman novelist's notion of the minds of degenerate

men begins to falter after 200 pages. And faced with another 240, the least fastidious reader may be forgiven for flinching. All allowances made for him, Jimmy Murphy was a sordid and a sordid. He slew his father's pet parrot and ran away from home. Thereafter, such is the potency of canned beer, he was able, at comparatively negligible expense, to drink himself into beggary, crime, prison, delirium tremens, and a better land.

During his lucid intervals, and between fits of ungodably ferocious temper, he radiated charm. Charms? It must have been magic. Everybody, inside his family and out, adored him.

Women? No!

At least four women were slavishly and simultaneously devoted to him. Treated outrageously, robbed, assaulted, humiliated, degraded, and deceived in all the possible ways, they came back again and again for the same treatment. I do not believe in him. Still less do I believe in his women. Sue, Katharine, Dolores, Kay—no, there should not have been in one book so many women subjected to that peculiar and pernicious American literary process of insatiation which, for the credulous, makes real life with real women seem so humdrum.

(Tomorrow-Recorded Music)

POCKET CARTOON



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ONCE again I read that odd phrase, intended as a compliment, that a certain horsewoman rides so well that she seems to be part of the horse. I would rather put it that the horse seems to be part of her; in fact, almost all of her.

Foulencough loses a job

MR. FLATTOCK was interviewing a possible tutor in the lounge of the Monte Carlo Hotel at Shingleton-on-Sea. Foulencough, slipping a glass of revolting beer, had just guaranteed to teach Julius Flattock, aged nine, the elements of English grammar when a coarse voice shouted, "My word! If it aren't the Captain, and him reduced to beer!" Mr. Flattock raised his eyebrows, and Foulencough, recognising the red face of a bookie, said, "I think there's some mistake. The mistake's yours, really. You can come the icebox over Ben Chizzler. You'll tell me next as you don't remember Maggie." At that moment a florid young lady squealed, "De Courcy! You old rat!" and flung her arms round his neck. Mr. Flattock rose and walked away. "Not my idea of a tutor," he muttered.

News for Colonel Egham

Cutting from the Kuenlung Times. The smartest woman at the Changtang yak races was Ding-Poo, the belle of Dung. Accompanied by three merchants, each of whom had had the honour of being her husband at one time, the toast of the Himalayas was wearing one of the new one-piece djibbahs in stool's breath grey, with fawn lapels and notched undercuts. When she led in Karakorum Joe, the yak which won the 3.15 smelling plate, the paddock re-echoed to a blast of goat's-horn trumpets, sounded by the Tsong Scouts.

In passing

THE craze for long-range forecasts of weather is great fun. If I say that Tuesday, March 10, 1949, will be warm, with a slight westerly breeze, clouding over at evening, everybody will acclaim me as a wizard, and by the time that date arrives nobody will remember my prophecy. If it turns out to be wrong, no more need be said about it. If right, I claim the credit.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- Ariz. Ark. 2. Violent eruptions which take place on the sun. 3. Joseph Priestley, English scientist. 4. At least 220 distinct languages. 5. The United States of America. 6. It is situated on the peninsula to the east of the Nile in Egypt.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Record Maize Crop In United States

Washington, Nov. 9.—By the middle of November the United States will have completed its harvest of the greatest maize crop in the history of this or any other nation. Department of Agriculture experts say that it is no longer possible that Autumn frosts could seriously affect the total crop, estimated at 3,567,958,000 bushels.

This tremendous maize crop will be accompanied by near-record production of other food grains, such as wheat, rice, and buckwheat, which will bring the aggregate of United States food grain production to 41,200,000 tons, second only to the record of 43,600,000 in 1947.

The record maize crop has raised many new agricultural problems of storage, financing, and in incipient fear among farmers of a "surplus"

RUSSIA STEPS UP BUYING OF RUBBER

Washington, Nov. 9.—It has been revealed that Russia has increased sharply her purchases of Far Eastern rubber, and may be building up an emergency stockpile. Hitherto unpublished figures coming by a branch of the United States Department of Commerce show that the Soviet Union bought 45,000 long tons of natural rubber from Malaya during the three-month period ending September 30. That is 6,000 tons more than she imported during the whole of 1947, and is 20,000 tons more than her purchases during the first six months of 1948.

Soviet imports, however, are still far below those of the United States, who has been stockpiling rubber since 1946. The United States consumed 154,000 tons during the three months ending September 30, and its average monthly imports remain at about three times as great as Russia's.

ALSO-BUYING WOOL

United States officials, who declined to be quoted by name, noted that the stepped-up Russian purchases coincide with "well substantiated" reports that Moscow is buying unusually large quantities of wool abroad, especially in Australia and New Zealand. There have been other "less well substantiated" reports that Soviet purchasing agents have been shopping around the world markets for sizable quantities of tin.

The officials emphasised that the actual volume of Russian rubber imports was still not very large, particularly in comparison with American imports. It is the rate at which the Soviet imports have been increasing recently that is regarded as significant. For example, Far Eastern producing centres reported sales of 5,500 tons to Russia in June, 13,000 tons in July, and 18,100 tons in August.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$413,132.50. Transactions and noon prices follow:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
HSBC	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
HSBC	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2

INSURANCES

Canton	750	750	11 1/2
Shanghai	134	134	30 1/2
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DOCKS, ETC.

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N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, Nov. 9.

Argentine peso (Official) ... US\$0.2271

Argentine peso (Unofficial) ... 2.067

Australia ... 0.680

Belgium ... 0.222

Canada ... 0.220

France ... 0.220

Germany ... 0.220

India ... 0.220

Japan ... 0.220

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